At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday May 9, 2006, the following members were present:

Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman Doug Mood, Commissioner Robert H. Raney, Commissioner Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Greg Jergeson, Chairman, was absent but gave his proxy to Commissioner Raney.

APPEARANCE Joel Tierney, Utility Division

(174) In the matter of BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp - N2006.4.56 - On April 19, 2006 the Commission received the application of BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp. for a license to supply natural gas in Montana:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the application for a license to supply natural gas in Montana. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Robin McHugh, Administrator Legal Division

(175) In the matter of Valet Limousine LLC, Missoula, Montana has requested an extension of time in which file exceptions to Proposed Order 6724 from May 8 to May 19. With approval of this extension responses, to exceptions would be due on June 5 rather than May 18. The applicant, Valet, also waives 69-12-323, until June 30, 2006:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the extension of time and waiver as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(176) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 1, 2006:

Commissioner Raney moved for the approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of May 1, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Martin Jacobson, Legal Division Phil Cooke, Utility Division (177) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.2.24 - NorthWestern Energy and Vigilante Electric Co-p application for approval of an exclusive service agreement:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the exclusive service agreement in Docket No. D2006.2.24. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(178) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.1.2 - MDU - electric and gas USB review:

Commissioner Schneider moved to proceed with a Notice of Commission Action investigation as described by staff. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(179) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.5.87 - NWE 2005 annual natural gas tracker:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the draft as the final order for the natural gas tracker subject to minor edits. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which failed for lack of a vote.

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